

2010 AWARDS INFORMATION, CRITERIA, AND TIPS FOR COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL NOMINATION FORM



Please save the date:
Sixth Annual Excellence in Nursing Awards Luncheon
Chaired by Debra F. Sukin and
Dr. Margaret M. Van Bree
(St. Luke's Episcopal Health System)

Thursday, September 16, 2010
Hilton Americas - Houston
(Please note venue change.)
Registration 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon and Program 12:00 Noon



The Awards

Good Samaritan Foundation's *Excellence in Nursing Awards* honor nurses who exemplify the finest qualities of the nursing profession. The Awards are granted in six categories of practice: **Large Hospital** (>400 beds), **Small Hospital** (<400 beds), **Hospice/Home Healthcare/Clinic/Other**, **Nursing Education - Clinician**, **Nursing Education - Faculty**, and **Nursing Administration and Leadership**.

One Gold Award Winner and one Silver Medalist will be named in each of six award categories and receive an elegant, custom-designed medal. All medalists and nominees (Bronze Medalists) receive distinctive recognition award certificates, nominee pins, T-shirts, and goody bags. We encourage the nominating organizations to sponsor table(s) to allow their nominees to attend the luncheon. Good Samaritan Foundation will offer a complimentary luncheon ticket to all nominees not seated at sponsor tables. Gold Award Winners are also featured in personal tribute videos shown during the luncheon.

About Good Samaritan Foundation

Since its founding in 1951 by the Reverend Clyde Verheyden and six prominent Houstonians, Claud B. Barrett, William Hamlet Blades, Curtis B. Delhomme, J. W. Donaldson, Walter L. Goldston, and R. E. "Bob" Smith, Good Samaritan Foundation has been dedicated solely to nurses and the nursing profession. Its Good Samaritan Scholars program is the State's largest, having granted more than \$15 million in scholarships to over 14,000 student nurses. It assists students at every level of professional nurse education.

The Foundation seeks excellence in nursing by raising the profile of nursing; attracting new young people to the field; alleviating the severe shortage of qualified nurses and nurse faculty by granting scholarships; supporting nursing school faculty programs; and encouraging increased collaboration among the hospitals, nursing schools, and Greater Houston community. Good Samaritan seeks to retain experienced nurses in the Texas workforce, and, through the Excellence in Nursing Awards, encourages others to celebrate and recognize individual nurses who excel in their chosen fields. The Excellence in Nursing Awards honor Registered Nurses, nominated by their peers and selected by a distinguished Awards Selection Committee. These nurses have demonstrated a passion for the nursing profession and exemplify excellence in teaching, mentoring, leadership, and service. Good Samaritan values your commitment and contribution to this important annual event. Rewarding and recognizing excellent nurses is a key component in retaining quality professionals and addressing the nurse workforce shortage.

All net proceeds from the luncheon benefit our commitment to support students, education and faculty, and professional nurses.

In 2009, the generosity of donors allowed Good Samaritan Foundation to assist 395 students attending more than 54 colleges of nursing.

The Luncheon

The *Excellence in Nursing Awards* are presented annually at a gala luncheon, which will be held on **Thursday, September 16, 2010**, at the **Hilton Americas - Houston**. Individual tickets are \$150. Hospitals and other organizations are encouraged to support “their” nominees through event sponsorships and table purchases.

Awards Eligibility

- At the time of nomination, each nominee must be a **Registered Nurse/Nurse Practitioner** practicing in the award category (in clinical practice or teaching in an initial RN licensure program) in the Houston/Texas Gulf Coast area.
- Prior Gold and Silver **award recipients are not eligible** for nomination, even if practicing in a different award category.
- Prior **nominees are eligible** for nomination.
- Nominators may also be nominees.
- Nominee must be employed by the nominating organization on 09/16/2010.

Awards Criteria

- **Nominations must be submitted online via the electronic form only.**
- **One nomination per nominee will be considered.** (The first nomination form received for any given nominee will be the nomination considered.)
- **Nominee will be considered in one award category.**
- **Please do not send additional attachments such as nominee’s CV, résumé, published research, etc.**
- **There is no limit to the number of nominees that a nominating organization may nominate.**

Nomination Acknowledgement

★★SPECIAL NOTE★★

Good Samaritan may contact the nominator and the nominee by email throughout the awards selection process. Please inform the nominee that she/he has been nominated.

Hospital and university computer servers often restrict incoming emails, but will allow you to email us. To ensure that you receive all emails from Good Samaritan Foundation, please have both the NOMINATOR and NOMINEE send an email with name and electronic signature to Awards@gsftx.org.

We will confirm your completed nomination via email.

**Nomination forms online at
www.gsftx.org/events**

**DEADLINE:
DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON MAY 14, 2010
NO LATE NOMINATIONS CONSIDERED**

Please help with door prizes!

We would like to have door prize drawings for our nurse nominees this year (gifts and gift certificates to restaurants, bookstores, movie theaters, etc.). However, we need your help in securing donations for our event. If you frequent local places regularly and would like to ask for a donation or gift certificate for our nurses, then please contact Ellen Tuffly for a donor form at Awards@gsftx.org or call 713-529-4646. Thanks so much!



Sponsorships

Enjoy the benefits of prime seating at the gala luncheon and promoting your organization’s contribution to the health of our community by becoming a sponsor of the 2010 *Excellence in Nursing Awards*! Sponsor donation levels range from \$1,500 to \$15,000. Sponsor benefits include a reserved table for ten and acknowledgement in print and other event promotions. Please contact Ellen Tuffly, Director of Development, at 713-529-4646 or email Awards@gsftx.org for more information.

Tips on Completing a Successful Nomination:

The number of nominations for the *Excellence in Nursing Awards* has increased each year, and selecting one recipient from the many outstanding nurses nominated in each category is a difficult task. Please be aware that the reviewers are making their decisions based solely on your nomination form. It is important that your description of the nominee be enthusiastic in its advocacy and specific as to why and how your nominee meets the criteria. For example, consider your nominee's attributes in:

- **Leadership** - personally and in clinical practice or teaching
 - Mentoring –assists colleagues in skills and knowledge development
 - Personal and professional growth – seeks challenges and/or is active in issues affecting the profession; a consummate professional

- **Commitment** - to the highest standards of nursing
 - Demonstrates excellence in all aspects of clinical practice or teaching
 - Goes “above and beyond” expectations as a habit, not an exception
 - Nominee is proud to be a nurse
 - Helps build awareness of, and contributes to, the positive aspects of the profession

- **Caring**
 - Always centered on the needs of patients or students
 - Makes a positive impact on everyone around her/him

The Awards recognize nurses who contribute to positive outcomes and make a difference in areas where resources often are scarce. If your nominee has “done a lot with a little,” highlight that. Make your comments personal and use the space allotted for your nomination. Don't forget to talk to your nominee and with others who work with her/him. Get facts, thoughts, and anecdotes, and turn them into a winning nomination!

Finally, celebrate the process with your nominees and your organization. Several hospitals create “tribute walls” with photos and bios of nominees in a high-traffic hallway. That way, *everyone* knows what terrific nurses the hospital has. Organizations like to attend the luncheon in groups and celebrate their nominees at the hospital's table. The luncheon is a “feel-good,” positive event for nurses, and we hope you will join our celebration!

2010 Awards Selection Committee: Award recipients are chosen by area leaders in healthcare and nursing:

- ★ **Ann Scanlon McGinity (Chair), RN, PhD**
SVP Operations, Chief Nursing Executive, The Methodist Hospital
- ★ **Betty N. Adams, BSN, MN, PhD**
Dean, Prairie View A & M University College of Nursing
- ★ **Goldie J. Brown, RN, BSN, MA, OCN**
2008 Excellence in Nursing Gold Award Winner, The Methodist Hospital
- ★ **Dana Bjarnason, PhD, RN, NE-BC**
Associate Administrator and Chief Nursing Officer, Ben Taub General Hospital
and Quentin Mease Community Hospital
- ★ **Mary Lou Chapman, RN, BS**
Good Samaritan Foundation Lifetime Trustee
- ★ **Kay K. Crawford**
Program Director (since 1977), Good Samaritan Foundation of Texas, Inc.
- ★ **Susan M. Distefano, RN, MSN, CNAA, NEA-BC**
Consultant
- ★ **Cathy Easter, BS, MBA**
International President and CEO, The Methodist Hospital
- ★ **Thelma Gray-Becknell, RN, MSN**
Associate Director for Patient Care Services / Chief Nurse Executive,
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- ★ **Joanne V. Hickey, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FAAN, FCCM**
Patricia L. Starck/PARTNERS Professor in Nursing
Coordinator, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program
Director, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- ★ **John E. Kajander**
Senior Vice President, Texas Medical Center
- ★ **Vicki G. Keiser**
Regional Partner, Health Care Providers, Deloitte & Touche LLP
- ★ **Heather J. Kopecky, PhD, MBA**
Managing Partner, Life Sciences Practice, Heidrick & Struggles
- ★ **Carol LeClair, RN, MSN, ONC**
Former Good Samaritan Scholar
- ★ **Brenda Lyon, RN, MSN, NEA-BC**
Chief Nursing Officer, Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center
- ★ **Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN, ACNS, NEA**
Associate Dean and Professor, Texas Woman's University, Nelda C. Stark College of Nursing-Houston
- ★ **Valerie Rieke, RN, BS, MS, EdD**
Former Good Samaritan Scholar, Retired Nurse Professor
- ★ **Heather Sharp, RN, BS**
2009 Excellence in Nursing Gold Award Winner, St. Luke's Comm. Emergency Center The Woodlands
- ★ **Barbara L. Summers, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN**
Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, Division Head, Nursing, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
- ★ **Judith Swanson, MBA, RN**
Director Perioperative Services, Texas Children's Hospital
- ★ **Kathryn Tart, EdD, RN, CNE**
Founding Dean and Professor, UH - Victoria/Sugar Land School of Nursing

Sample of Email Comments Received after the 2009 Excellence in Nursing Awards Luncheon

“The banquet today was amazing! I am so grateful to Good Samaritan Foundation for recognizing nurses as they did today. In between the laughs and the great lunch, were the tears I cried today because I was so proud to be a nurse! I was so proud of the nurses who were honored. This was so motivating to my peers and myself. I really want to thank you once again. Thank you one again for a memorable experience!!”

Scharlotta G. Spencer, BSN RN III, Medical /Oncology PCU 5, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands

“Just wanted to let you know how grateful I am and so blessed with the honor conferred to me by the GSF organization. The event was beyond magnificent, and all the GSF personnel went beyond their way to be so truly gracious and magnanimous. What an amazing SPREAD! Again, sincere appreciation for all your dedication, hard work, and support for nurses and the nursing profession. Kudos to Good Samaritan Foundation!! Sincerely,”

Bette Cozart, RN, Prairie View A & M University College of Nursing

“I wish to thank you and Good Samaritan Foundation for a most enjoyable experience. I, like most other nominees, was beyond surprised and most assuredly felt honored when informed of the award. I will wear the nominee pin with privilege and honor. Thank you.”

Arnold Jones, Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center

“Thank you for all your efforts on my behalf. I was honored to have been considered. The program was just wonderful. I loved the a cappella group, the food, the videos, and the fellowship. Everything was well planned!”

Rosie

Rosemary Pine, MSN, RN, CDE,

Coordinator, The Nurse Residency Program, Center for Professional Excellence, The Methodist Hospital

“You did a fabulous job. The luncheon was awesome, and I enjoyed everything. Thank you for your hard effort. It was an honor to be nominated and to be at the luncheon. I do hope you continue to do this. You have no idea how rewarding it was to hear the appreciation for educators and to be in a room full of people I look up to. So, again, thank you. I felt so good when we left.”

Alicia Hernandez, MSN, RN, BC, The Methodist Hospital

“You did a wonderful job planning, organizing and executing all the details for the luncheon. I had the honor of attending a few luncheons in the past, and this one was the BEST. I appreciate all of your assistance and your attention to details.”

Dr. Annette McClinton, Professor, Prairie View A & M University College of Nursing

“The luncheon was beautiful, even if it DID make me cry several times! What awesome nursing staff we have here in this region. I’m so proud to be a part of it. Thank you for putting on such a wonderful luncheon. The food was great; the company & entertainment unsurpassed. Y’all did a really great job!”

L. Alison “Al” Petry,

RNC-OB, Clinical Practice, Women’s Services L & D, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital

“Thank you so much for a wonderful luncheon. It was beautiful. I leave there every year thinking that I’m going to switch my career path and be a Hospice Nurse! I am so honored to be a part of this luncheon 3 years in a row.”

Sandra Uribe, RN, BSN, Clinical Director, Women’s Center, Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital

“Thank you for all of your kind attention to my questions and presentation challenges. You did a wonderful job of pulling together another wonderful event.”

Mindy Lawrence, RN, BSN, MBA, OCN, CHPN, VP Clinical Excellence, Houston Hospice

“It was the first time I attended this kind of event, and it blessed me. It was both fun and inspiring. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in bringing this event into fruition. On that day, I saw several familiar faces and visited with them. . .Again, thank you Good Samaritan Foundation for celebrating us nurses. Respectfully,”

Cristina Agudelo, BSN, RN, St. Luke’s Hospital The Woodlands



Past Recipients of the Excellence in Nursing Awards

Outstanding Community Support of the Nursing Profession

2007
Guy D. Graves
(1916-2007)

2006
Lou and Rosetta Lewis Family

2005
Mark A. Wallace
President & CEO Texas Children's Hospital

Former Gold Award Winners

Clinical Practice in a Large Hospital

2009
Olinda Pruitt Johnson, RNC, MSN, CNS
Harris County Hospital District Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital

2008
Goldie J. Brown, RN, MA
The Methodist Hospital

2007
Stella Dike*, RN
University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

2006
Helen Currier, RN
Texas Children's Hospital

2005
Hyacinth Gordon*, RN, MSN, CRRN, OCN
The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

Clinical Practice in a Small Hospital

2009
Heather Sharp, BS, RN
Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital

2008
Noel Kowis-Green, RNC, NTN
Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital

2007
Susan Tarantino*, RN
Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital

2006
Mary Bossier-Bearden, RN, MBA
Harris County Hospital District Lyndon Baines Johnson

2005
Lawana Garcia, RN
Bayshore Medical Center (HCA)

Clinical Practice in Hospice/ Home Healthcare/ Clinic/ Other Setting

2009
Lucinda "Cindy" Welch, RN, BSN
Houston Hospice

2008

Andrew J. Rolniak, RN, A/GNP-BC
Geriatric Associates of America

2007

Ruth Kainer, RN
Houston Hospice

2006

Kristie Cullum*, RN
Houston Hospice

2005

Gene Stevens, RN
Memorial Hermann Home Health

Nursing Education: Clinician
(Inaugurated 2009)

2009

Michelle Eppers, RN, BSN
Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital

Nursing Education: Faculty

2009

Huberta Corazon "Bette" Thiam Cozart, RN, MS
Prairie View A & M University College of Nursing

2008

JoAnn Blake, PhD, RN
Prairie View A & M University College of Nursing

2007

Peggy Landrum, RN, MS, PhD
Texas Women's University College of Nursing

2006

Renae Schumann, RN, MSN, PhD
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - School of Nursing

2005

Joan Edwards, RN, MN
Texas Women's University College of Nursing

Nursing Administration and Leadership

(To be presented in 2010)

** denotes former Good Samaritan Scholar*

Silver Medalists
(Inaugurated 2009)

Clinical Practice in a Large Hospital

2009

Beverley LaMoth, RN, MSN, OCN
The Methodist Hospital

Clinical Practice in a Small Hospital

2009

Holly Avery, RN, BSN
Methodist Willowbrook Hospital

Clinical Practice in a Hospice / Home Health Care / Clinic / Other Setting

2009

Sandy Stacy, RN
Bering Omega Community Services

Nursing Education: Clinician

2009

Jane Jennings, RN, BSN, CNOR, RNFA
Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital

Nursing Education: Faculty

2009

Annette C. McClinton, RN, BSN, MSN, PhD
Prairie View A & M University College of Nursing

Nursing Administration and Leadership

(To be presented in 2010)